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I am a Veteran of the United States Navy. I served as an Aviation Electronics technician as well as a member of the Base Security augmentation force at Naval Air Station, Lemoore, CA.

My background and history as it pertains to my testimony is that, I was employed at Colt's Manufacturing Co. as a Research and Development Test Coordinator. In this position I was responsible for auditing current firearm designs as well as testing and evaluating new designs and/or materials. Due to the required field testing involved in this position I was a Certified Range Officer at Fort Devens Ma, and coordinator of the Colt's indoor 30 yard test range.

Currently I hold NRA certification as a Range Safety Officer as well as instructor for the following disciplines. (Home Firearm Safety, Basic Pistol Safety, Personal Protection In The Home, Basic Rifle Safety, and Basic Shotgun Safety.

My Purpose here is to state my objection to the Following bills:

SB 839 AN ACT CONCERNING MERGERS AND CONSOLIDATION OF VARIOUS STATE AGENCIES.

HB 6375 AN ACT CONCERNING REVIEW AND TERMINATION OF CERTAIN BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

As they pertain to placing the **BOARD OF FIREARMS PERMIT EXAMINERS** into the Department of Public Safety and removing 100% of its funding.

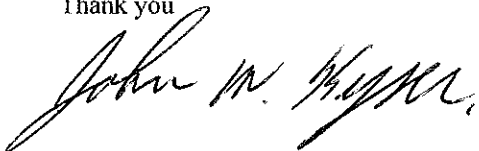
This will eliminate the autonomy and purpose of a "civilian" review board, by placing control and oversight of the board with the very agency which has the power to revoke pistol permits in the first place. This will save no money and make it unlikely the average person will get a fair and impartial hearing.

The main purpose for a civilian review board is to have a system of checks and balances to protect THE PEOPLES rights from over zealous, biased, individuals with their own personal agendas. It is a place where the people can turn to state their case without fear of being intimidated or strong-armed into giving up their rights when a mistake or minor error in judgment is made. The Board is also in place to help individuals who are denied a permit by the people with the authority to approve or deny pistol permits based on the authorities personal beliefs and ideals, instead of the law, the Constitution of the United States of America and the State of Connecticut.

The DPS, the agency empowered to deny, revoke or suspend pistol permits may not be inclined to realize when or if they overstep their bounds and impair the RIGHTS of The PEOPLE.

If the **BOARD OF FIREARMS PERMIT EXAMINERS** is placed under the control of the Department of Public Safety it will create a **CONFLICT OF INTEREST** and it will be like putting the Wolf in charge of the hen house. This would be a great travesty for the law abiding citizens of the state of Connecticut.

Thank you



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